

# Canichana language

**Canichana**, or **Canesi, Joaquiniano**, is a possible language isolate of Bolivia (department of Beni). In 1991 there were 500 Canichana people, but only 20 spoke the Canichana language; by 2000 the ethnic population was 583, but the language was extinct.

It was spoken on the Mamoré River and Machupo River.<sup>[2]</sup>

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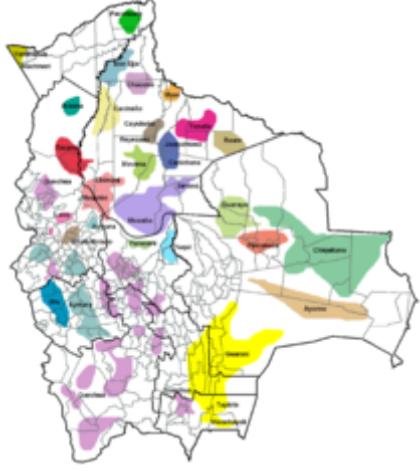
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## Language contact

Jolkesky (2016) notes that there are lexical similarities with the Mochica language due to contact.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Vocabulary

Loukotka (1968) lists the following basic vocabulary items for Canichana.<sup>[2]</sup>

<b>Canichana</b>	
	Joaquiniano
<b>Native to</b>	Bolivia
<b>Region</b>	Beni Department
<b>Extinct</b>	ca. 2000
<b>Language family</b>	Tequiraca–Canichana? ▪ Canichana
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	caz
<b>Glottolog</b>	cani1243 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/cani1243">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/cani1243</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>
 Historical distribution of the language	

<b>gloss</b>	<b>Canichana</b>
one	mereka
two	kadita
three	ka?arxata
tooth	eu-kuti
tongue	au-cháva
hand	eu-tixle
woman	ikegahui
water	nese
fire	nichuku
moon	nimiraku
maize	ni-chuxú
jaguar	ni-xolani
house	ni-tikoxle

## See also

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- [Llanos de Moxos \(archaeology\)](#)

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## External links

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- (in French) [La Langue Kaničana](https://web.archive.org/web/20180819162655/http://www.bibvirtual.ucb.edu.bo/etnias/digital/106000569.pdf) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20180819162655/http://www.bibvirtual.ucb.edu.bo/etnias/digital/106000569.pdf>)
- [Lenguas de Bolivia](http://www.ru.nl/lenguasdebolivia/) (<http://www.ru.nl/lenguasdebolivia/>) (online edition)

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